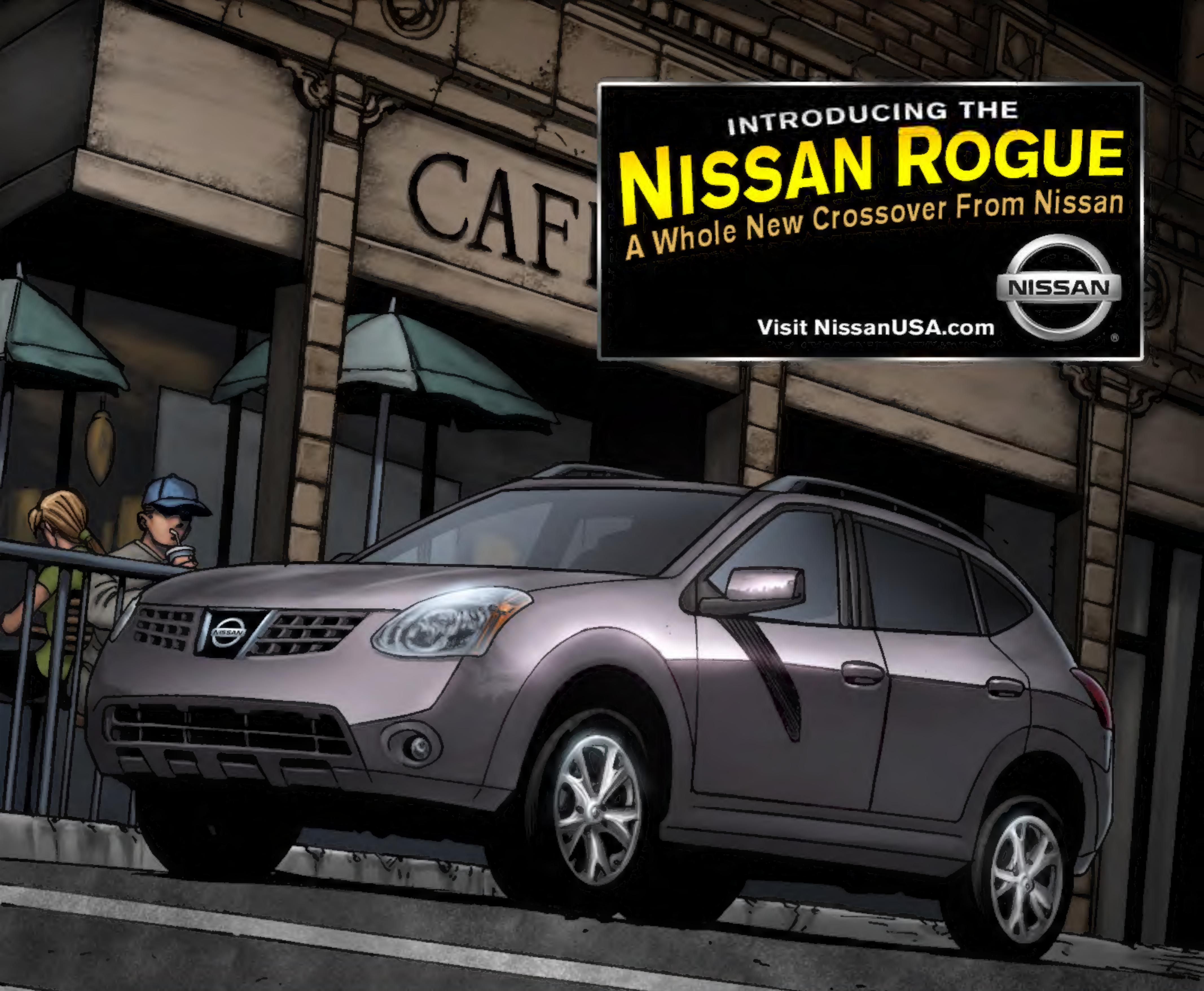


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# HEROES

CHAPTER 54

## Petrified Lightning

Peter, suffering from amnesia, is discovered in Cork, Ireland by a gang of small time thieves. Peter is driven to find out who he is and where he came from. Ricky, the gang's leader, has presented him with a box that could lead him to his true past. But Peter has begun to question whether he should forget the box and simply start life over with his new love, Caitlin...



I THOUGHT  
WE DIDN'T WANT  
TO KNOW?



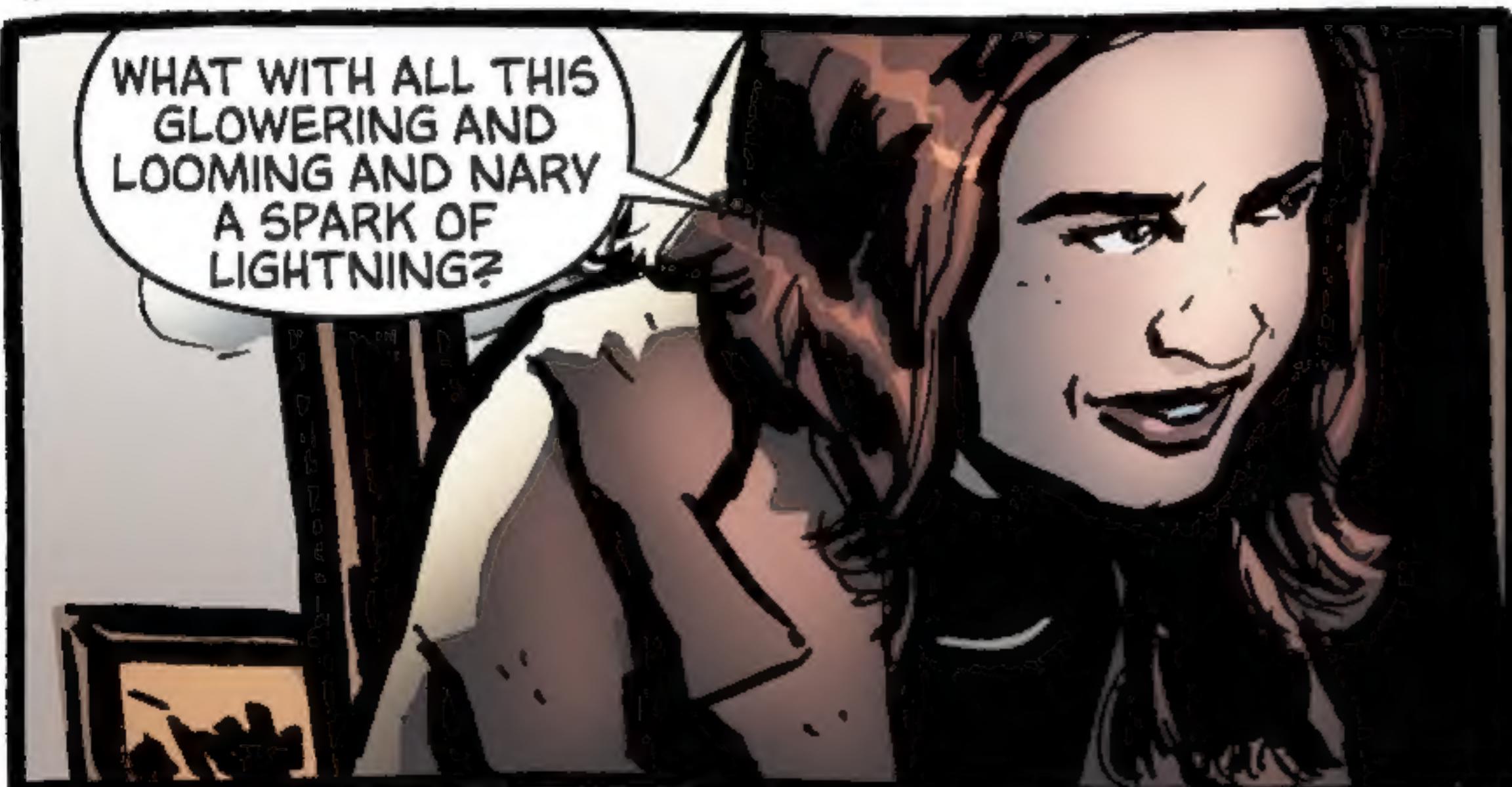
WE,  
HUH?



I WANNA TAKE  
YOU ON A DATE,  
CAITLIN.

A PROPER  
DATE.

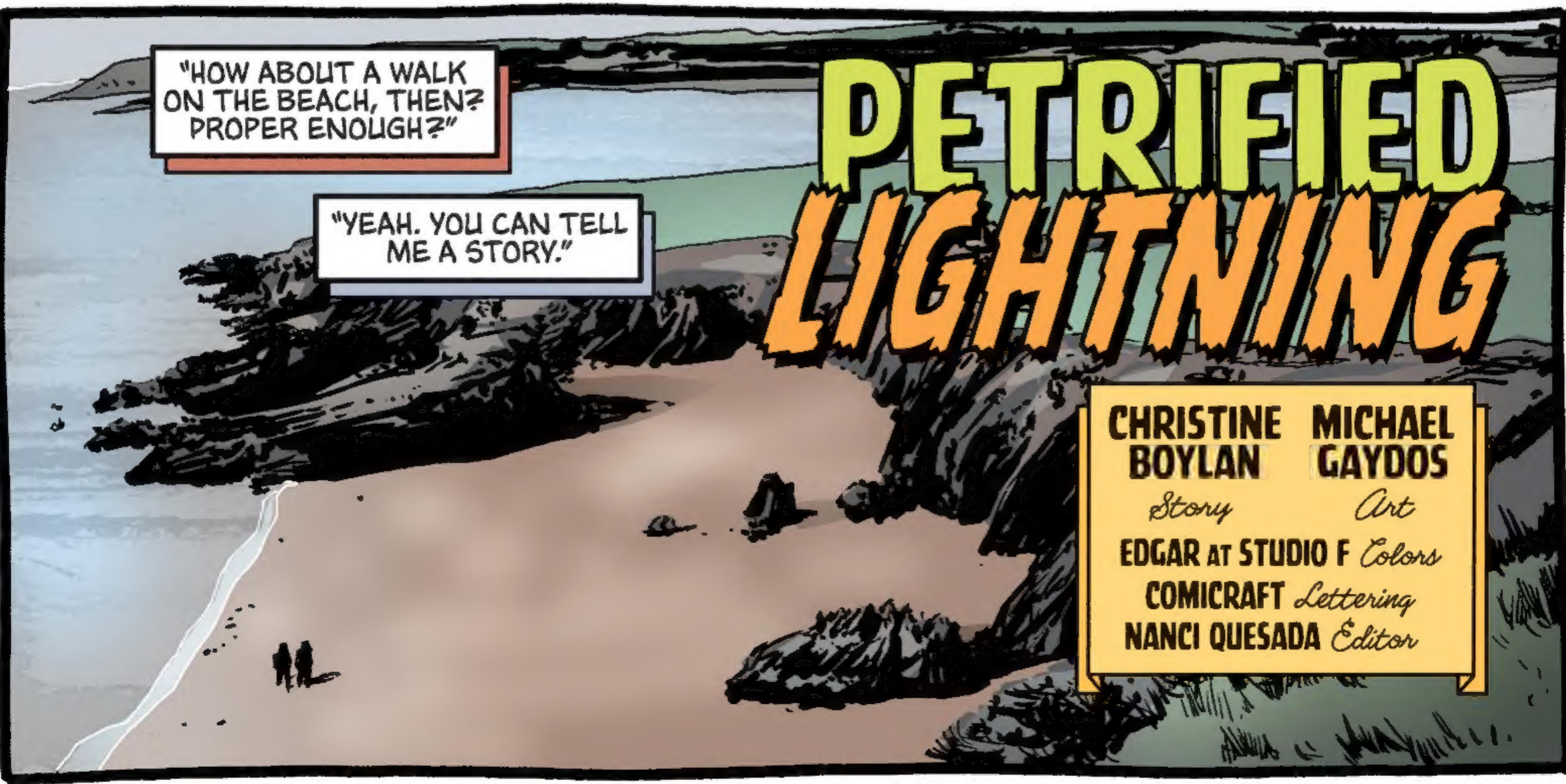
THIS THE TIME  
TO BE TALKING  
OF DATES?



WHAT WITH ALL THIS  
GLOWERING AND  
LOOMING AND NARY  
A SPARK OF  
LIGHTNING?



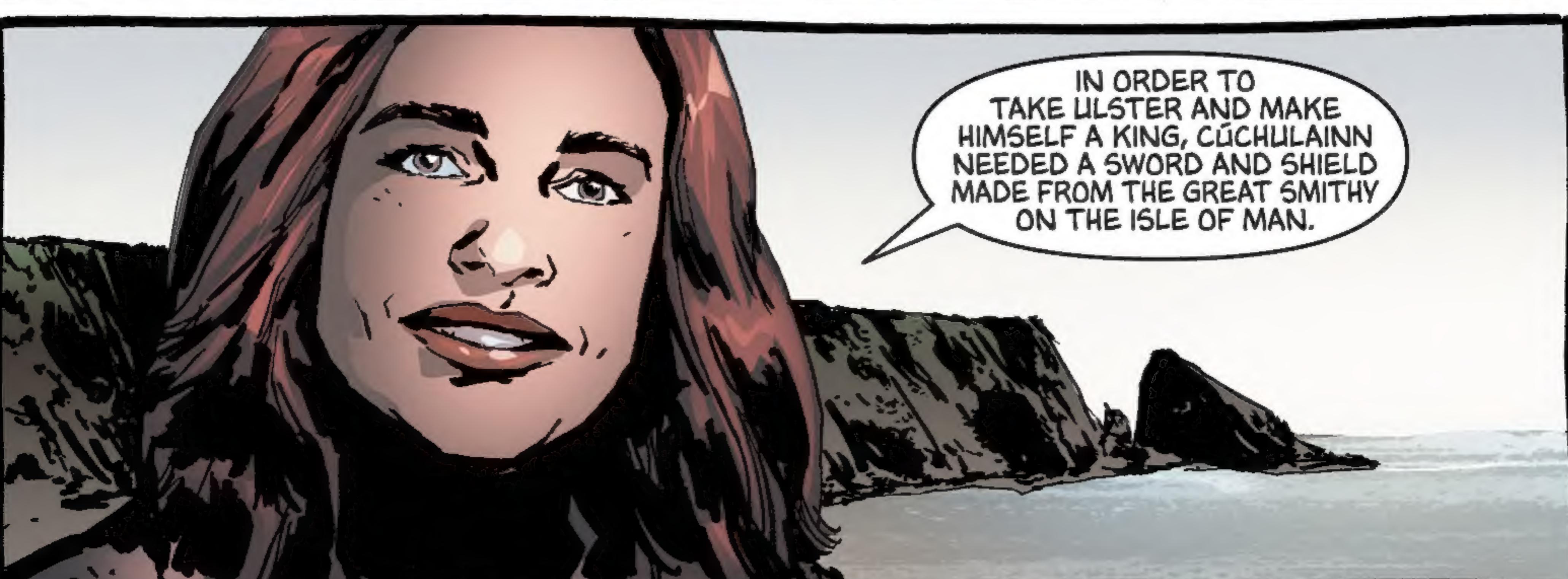
# PETRIFIED LIGHTNING



"HOW ABOUT A WALK  
ON THE BEACH, THEN?  
PROPER ENOUGH?"

"YEAH. YOU CAN TELL  
ME A STORY."

CHRISTINE BOYLAN MICHAEL GAYDOS  
Story Art  
EDGAR AT STUDIO F Colors  
COMICRAFT Lettering  
NANCI QUESADA Editor



"WHILE HE WAITED FOR HIS WEAPONS TO BE MADE, HE WALKED ALONG THE STRAND NEAR THE SMITHY, IMPATIENT TO GET OUT AND GET CONQUERING."



"ONE DAY HE SAW SOMETHING GLISTEN IN THE SAND. SOMETHING THAT CAME FROM SO DEEP WITHIN NATURE THAT IT SEEMED... UNNATURAL."



"WHAT HE SAW WAS TEEVAL, YOUNG QUEEN OF THE SEVEN SEAS. A MERMAID."



MERMAID?!



"SO CÚCHULAINN,  
THIS GOD, THIS BIG  
DUMB HERO, COMES  
LUMBERING PAST AND  
SEES THE SLEEPING  
QUEEN OF THE SEA."



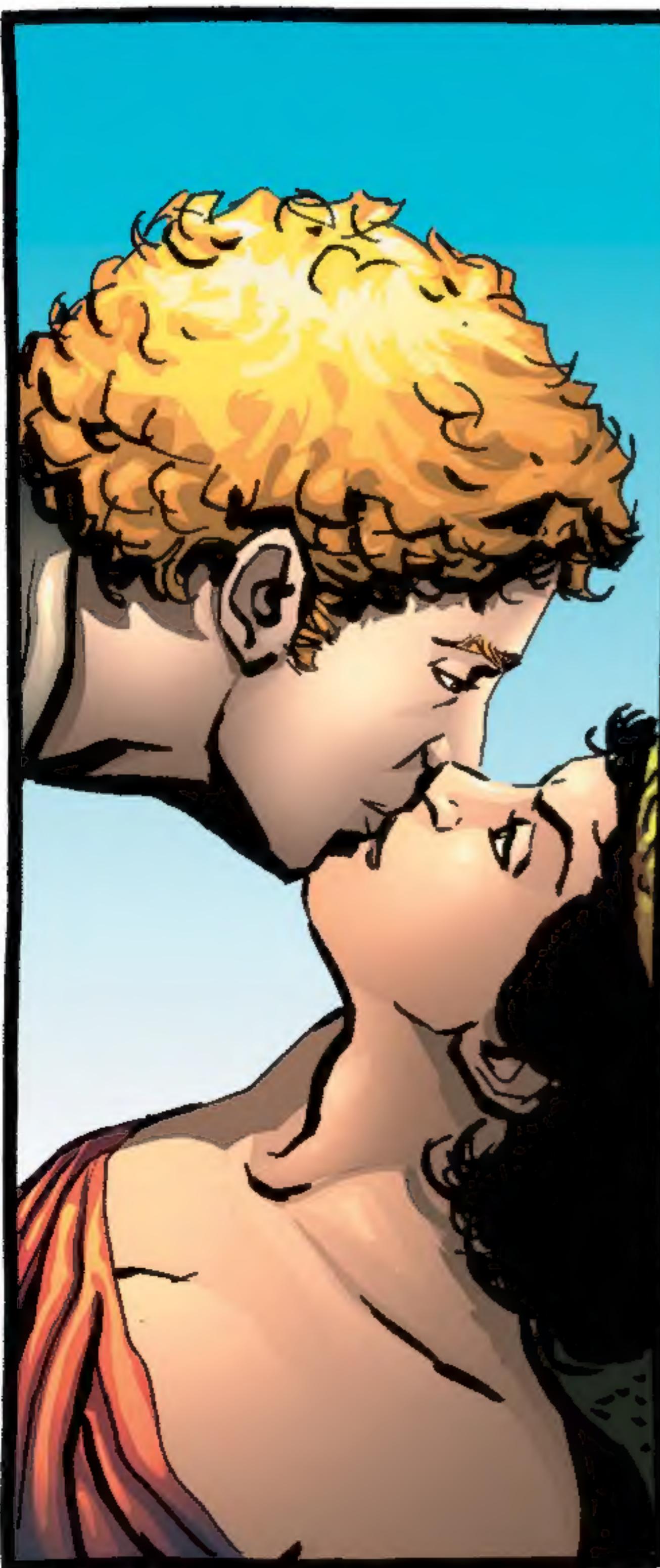
"AND THE SIMPLE BRUTE, IRELAND'S  
GREATEST MAN, TIES HER UP."

"WHAT KIND OF STORY  
IS THIS, CAITLIN?"

"SHHH."



"WELL, SHE WOKE UP  
IN A RIGHT RAGE AT  
FIRST -- FORGETTING  
HER OWN POWER AT  
THE SHOCK OF HER  
PREDICAMENT."



"BUT SHE SOON  
RECOVERED  
HERSELF."

"SHE LOOKED HIM  
DEAD IN THE EYE.  
SHE KNEW HIM.  
SHE NAMED HIM."

